1: Whiting E-5 (1936-1937) 1941
OJ13 Kwoma OJ13

The Kwoma are a mountain-dwelling people. Except for the southeastern slope of Ambunti Mountain, site of the Ambunti Police Post,[3] they control the entire segment of the Peilungua Range which lies northwest of the Sepik. The territory they claim also includes enough of the sago swamps at the foot of these mountains to provide them with more than enough of the sago flour which is a staple in their diet. They are surrounded by swamp and river tribes. Living in the sago swamp somewhat to the northwest are the Amiki and Sowal people, and on a little group of hills to the northeast, separated by the swamp from the main range, live a half-dozen households who call themselves Yelagu. The Malu, Yambon, and Yessan, the river neighbors of the Kwoma, are linguistically and culturally distinct from the mountain people. When they converse with each other, each speaks his own language, which the other understands.

The Kwoma tribe consists of four subtribes: the Tangwishamp, the Urumbanj, the Koriasi, and the Hongwam.[4] Their territories are contiguous. The Hongwam, who dwell nearest Ambunti, were the group from which nearly all the data here presented were gathered, only a brief trip being made to the other three subtribes. These four subtribes, although speaking the same language and bound by not a few ties of trade and intermarriage, are distinct social entities and are not above carrying on head-hunting raids against one another.[5] More frequently, however, they will band to-

[3] While the fieldwork on which this report is based was being carried on, Ambunti was still a functioning administrative post. Since then this station has been moved to Marui, approximately thirty-five miles downstream, to facilitate communication with the District headquarters at Wewak.

[4] The terms "tribe" and "subtribe" have been adopted here although it might be objected that, since there is no political organization which unites these four groups, it is improper to call the Kwoma a tribe.

[5]

Native Name	*Name Appearing on Maps and in Australian Record Books*	*Population*
Hongwam	Waskuk—Bangus	374
Koriyasi	Chissaraman (Shasherman)	116
Urumbanj	Urumbans (Urumbanji)	108
Tangwishamp	Tangunjambi (Taunjambi)	*circa* 300

Hongwam is referred to as Washkuk by M. Mead in *Sex and Temperament* and in "The Mountain Arapesh: I. An Importing Culture," *Anthro-*

Appendix 3

115
621
551
613
162

INFORMANTS AND INDIVIDUALS OF RUMBIMA HAMLET

Note: The people of Rumbima Hamlet are indicated with respect to household, relations, kin, and age on pages 11, 13, and 17 of Becoming a Kwoma by John W. M. Whiting. Following is an alphabetically organized list of the names of these people along with some people from other hamlets who appear frequently in the text. A few characters who only appear once in the text are not included in this list. Sex is indicated by capitalizing the names of the males.

Name	Age	Lineage
AFALOWAKJ	adult	Other. Wood carver.
Afi	8	Mangwiyow
AFOK	30	Wasahof
Ambe	adult	Mangwiyow
ANGADIM	4	Wasahof
ANGEMAR	1	Wasahof
ASANAMPA	adult	Other.
Ave	15	Mangwiyow
Aya	16	Wasahof
Bora	adult	Mangwiyow
Buka	10	Mangwiyow
Chinuwa	adult	Mangwiyow
DAW, DAWANGI	36	Wasahof
Dawi	adult	Mangwiyow
Difa	adult	Mangwiyow
EVE	adult	A British oil search engineer.
Femba	child	Mangwiyow
FIT	10	Mangwiyow
FOKOTAY	35	Wasahof
Gege	adult	Mangwiyow
Gufo	adult	Wasahof
GWAMP	6	Mangwiyow
Gwanta	15	Mangwiyow
GWIYAP	15	Mangwiyow
HAMB	7	Mangwiyow
Haya	7	Mangwiyow
Huwena	adult	Wasahof
KADOWAN	6 mos.	Mangwiyow
Kafa	adult	Mangwiyow
KAR	27	Mangwiyow
KAWAP	2	Wasahof
Kaya	adult	Mangwiyow
Kayamaka	7	Wasahof
KEWARI	adult	Other
KIS	28	Mangwiyow
KOMB	adult	Other
KUM	4	Mangwiyow
Kuma	adult	Mangwiyow
KWALUMP	34	Wasahof
Kwiya	15	Mangwiyow
KWONAI	adult	Other. Good hunter.
KWONAYI	young adult	Other. Had worked in gold fields. Spoke pidgin.

115
621
162
551
613

Name	Age	Lineage
EMOS	8	Wasahof
LATAI	adult	Other. Good hunter.
Mana	12	Mangwiyow
MANO	24	Mangwiyow
MAR	18	Mangwiyow
MAROK	25	Mangwiyow
Mbwimbwi	adult	Mangwiyow
MERIK	5	Mangwiyow
MES	18	Wasahof
MEY	12	Mangwiyow
MOETSI	Old man of Hongvem - suspected of being a sorcerer.	
MUNDIK	young adult	Other
Nemaingamp	adult	Other. Of the coast. Wife of Nambomai.
NAMBOMAI	adult	Other. Of the coast. Houseboy.
Nawa	adult	Wasahof
NAWABANKH	adult	Other. Thought to be a sorcerer.
Ngwiya	adult	Wasahof
NJAN	6 mos.	Mangwiyow
ROB OVERALL	adult	Recruiter
Samba	17	Mangwiyow
SWISAMBI	adult	Other
SOF	adult	Other
SOVINAMBI	adult	Other. Cicatriser
SUKATAYA	adult	Other. Good hunter.
Sunga	adult	Mangwiyow
SUW	3	Mangwiyow
TAKAWUR	38	Mangwiyow
Toka	6	Mangwiyow
Uka	24	Mangwiyow
WAR	34	Mangwiyow
WARAMUS	30	Wasahof
WAY	46	Mangwiyow
WENYAMENJ	old man	Other
WINGAWI	adult	Other
WISEP	young adult	Other. From the coast. Houseboy.
WIYANGAWC	adult	Other. Cicatriser.
WOF	45	Mangwiyow
Yama	adult	Mangwiyow
YAT	32	Mangwiyow
Yawa	15	Wasahof
Yawaka	5	Wasahof
Yimba	18 mos.	Mangwiyow